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"What am I bid?"

The Saturday evening show was also quite an event - we've now blown the power at 2 of our council camps! Fortunately, with the help of Don Bur's trusty RV's generator, the Shows Staff was able to pull off a great show, and we all enjoyed a good laugh as each new Vigil members tried to read his Vigil name to the crowd! Once the lights were back on, the patch auction was quite entertaining, and raised

almost \$2,000 for our Camp Scholarship Fund. The "Coosa Cash" also came in handy, as several members walked away with some great patches by bidding their "Cash"!



"Enjoying the Scenery"



"A Direct Hit"

A big thanks to Tribe Chief Andrew Land and the Cherokee Tribe for hosting this fun fellowship weekend - it was definitely enjoyed by all, and I hope you'll make plans now to join us in 2002!

Lodge Leadership Development Conference Approaching Swiftly!

By Bill Souder, Lodge Vice-Chief Inductions

The annual Coosa Lodge Leadership Development Conference will be hosted by Achunanchi Tribe at the First Baptist Church of Albertville, AL on January 26, 2002 from 9 AM to 5 PM. All members are invited to attend, and the course is free for dues-paid members. Those who complete the course will receive the Coosa LLDC patch. The address to the First Baptist Church is 309 E. Main St., Albertville, AL 35950 - you can find the directions by using MapQuest on the internet. See you there!

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Takachsin Quest 302

By Mr. Glenn Creamer, Publications Committee Adviser

This Junior Leader Training Course will be held at Camp Jackson over the weekends of March 16-17, April 5-7 and April 19-21, 2002. It is designed to help boys develop leadership skills, improve Scout outdoor skills and learn the patrol method. Scouts who are First Class, are 13 or older at the time of the course, and have their Scoutmaster's approval are eligible to attend. The fee is \$100.00. A \$25.00 deposit is due by March 1, 2002. Payments should be sent to the Eastern Service Area office at: Greater Alabama Council, 4110 McClellan Blvd., Anniston, AL 36201. For more information contact the course director, Mr. Gary Lane, at 256-878-7541 or District Executive Walker Segars at 256-539-0346 and segars@mindspring.com. Sign up for the Quest now. Don't miss this important opportunity to learn to be a better leader.

2002 Dues Are Due Now!

By Jim P. Ellison, Coosa Lodge Secretary/Treasurer

It's that time of year again to pay your OA dues. In order to stay an active member, every member must pay his/her dues, which covers paying your dues to the National OA office, printing and mailing this newsletter, and other lodge correspondence. The dues this year are \$7.50 for those members who were active last year, and \$14.50 for those members who were not active last year. If you took your Ordeal during 2001, you are already paid for 2002 - this was included in your Ordeal registration fee.

If you have not paid your dues for 2002, please fill out the enclosed 2002 Dues Registration Form in this newsletter, and make sure to send it in by December 20, 2001. You will receive your 2002 Coosa Lodge 50 membership card in the mail. If you have not paid your dues by this date, your name will be dropped from the active Lodge Database file, so do it now!

Conclave 2002 Registration Now Open!

By Red Feather Herald Staff

The SR-6S 2002 Section Conclave will be held on April 26-28, 2002 at Camp Skymont, hosted by Talidandaganu' Lodge 293 of Chattanooga, Tennessee. This will be the first conclave of the new section SR-6S, which includes Waguli 318-Rome, GA, Egwa-Tawa-Dee 129- Atlanta, GA, Mowogo 243-Athens, GA, Ini-To 324- Griffin, GA, Chattahoochie 204-Columbus, GA, Echeconnee 358-Macon, GA, Talidandaganu' 293-Chattanooga, TN, and Coosa Lodge 50. This should be a great weekend to meet and compete with the brothers in these lodges in our new section, so make plans now to attend! Just think of the new patches and flaps you'll be able to trade for!

Enclosed in this newsletter is a Registration Form for conclave - read the form carefully, and please complete it and mail it to the address listed on the form. Take note that conclave memorabilia - patches, neckerchiefs, mugs, pins, etc. - must be ordered on this form, and the form must be submitted by January 25th to guarantee you any conclave memorabilia.

We want to have the largest contingent there, to show the new section the strength of Coosa Lodge, and we need YOU to be a part - so grab that form and get it in!

New Coosa Backpatch Ordered

By Red Feather Herald Staff

Yes, we will finally have a Lodge Backpatch, but it will be worth the wait! The new Coosa Lodge 50 jacket patch has been ordered, and should be first on sale at the LLDC. Designed by Delane Terrell, it not only looks good, but tells a story as well.

In addition, the LEC approved "Event Segments" to fit around the backpatch. At each Lodge event during 2002, a different segment will be issued to those who attend. This will start at the LLDC in January, so make plans now to attend!



From The Lodge Chief

By Chris Brightwell, Lodge Chief

Brothers,

A new year is quickly approaching. As we prepare for the new year, new Lodge Officers have been installed, the Council of Chiefs has set the plans in motion for the 2002 SR-6S Conclave, and the National Order of the Arrow Conference contingent leaders are preparing to take members of our Lodge to Indiana University for the 2002 National Order of the Arrow Conference. The Publications Committee has already written and published the newsletter you're reading and are preparing to unveil a bigger and better Coosa Lodge Website.

While your Lodge Officers and Advisers prepare and develop the events that will take place over the next year, we invite you all to take a place in one of the Lodge Operating Committees. There are seven committees, as follows: Nominations and Recognitions, Publications and Communications, Ceremonies, Service Corps, Membership, Camping Promotions, and Fellowship.

It is imperative that these committees have a full roster of active members, because these are the committees that will lead us toward awards and recognitions at both Section and National gatherings, and will work to keep all of our Lodge membership informed and prepared for what we all have planned for the next year. Each committee will meet during the Lodge Leadership Development Conference (LLDC) to plan their goals for 2002, so be there to take an active part in the committee you choose.

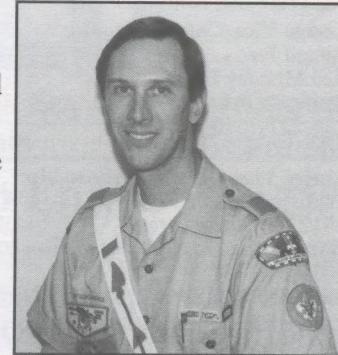
The LLDC is the annual "starting block" for our lodge calendar. Arrowmen from the entire Lodge gather for a day of instruction and fellowship. There are classes for every aspect of our great Order. Some of the planned topics include: Running an Effective Ordeal, Obtaining Brotherhood Status, National Order of the Arrow Opportunities, Unit Elections and Lodge Structure.

I look forward to working with each of you and to another great year for Coosa Lodge 50. In leadership and service- Chris Brightwell, Lodge Chief.

Adviser's Viewpoint

By James Flatt, MD, Lodge Advisor

While thinking of the events in our country since September 11, I was reminded of a song we occasionally sing in church - "Give me the Heart of a Servant". Our country has witnessed a resurgence of commitment to the traditional values we hold to in Scouting, and from that we have seen evidence of servant leadership springing up everywhere, from donating blood to helping with donations to the Red Cross and its relief fund.



As members of the Order, we should continually try to show the heart of a servant to all who come in contact with us. In electing you to the Order of the Arrow, your troop recognized your willingness to serve as examples of the Scout Oath and Law, and you should strive to be worthy of that honor by leading in service by example.

This is true servant leadership - using your example to show your leadership as you serve those around you - put another way: "actions speak louder than words". Just as thousands have done since September 11, let's all strive to find ways to actively serve, so that those around us may see the Scout Oath and Law in our daily lives. Best wishes for the Holidays, and I look forward to seeing you at Lodge Leadership Development Conference!

Arrow Points

Quality Lodge Petition Submitted!

The LEC has completed and submitted the 2001 Quality Lodge petition for consideration as a Quality Lodge, and we should be hearing back from the National Office by the LLDC - Keep your fingers crossed!

2001 Arrowman Service Award

If you have completed the requirements for the Arrowman Service Award (listed in your 2001 Planbook), please forward them to Dr. Flatt so he can make sure the correct number are ordered. These must be in by December 20! Mail to: James Flatt, 5811 Macon Drive, Huntsville, AL 35802, or via fax at 256-880-1272.

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2002 Coosa Lodge 50 Calendar

January 26	Lodge Leadership Development Conference Achunachi Tribe Host	TBA
March 22-24	Spring Fellowship	Camp Jackson
April 26-28	Conclave Talidandaganu' 293 Host	Camp Skymont Altamont, TN
May 31-June 2	Ordeal/Brotherhood	Camp Comer
July 20	Workday/Brotherhood	Camp Westmoreland
July 27-August 1	NOAC	Indiana University
August 16-18	Ordeal/Brotherhood	Camp Sequoyah
September 6-8	Ordeal/Brotherhood	Camp Jackson
October 4-6	Fall Fellowship Pow-Wow	Camp Comer

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